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TO: Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich, Mayor
Supervisor Gloria Molina
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FROM: Mitchell H. Katz, M.D.
Director

SUBJECT: ENSURING CONTINUITY OF CARE FOR RYAN WHITE BENEFICIARIES

On September 20, 2011 your Board directed the Departments of Health Services (DHS), Public Health (DPH) and Mental Health (DMH) to 1) Notify the Board of Supervisors (Board) before any provider agreements or amendments are finalized; 2) Provide bi-weekly reports to the Board on the status of County efforts to obtain a Medicaid Waiver amendment to offset the additional County costs; and 3) Provide the Board offices with a written Ryan White patient care transition plan and monthly reports on efforts to ensure continuity of care.

PROVIDER AGREEMENT NOTIFICATION

On September 30, 2011, DHS notified your Board of its intent to execute amendments to existing Healthy Way LA (HWLA) agreements and enter into new HWLA agreements with seven Ryan White (RW) providers that are not currently part of the HWLA network. DPH and DMH will also notify your Board in advance of executing provider agreements related to this matter.

EFFORTS TO OBTAIN MEDICAID WAIVER AMENDMENT

The California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) developed a document including additional details of the financing mechanism of the proposed Waiver amendment, as requested by the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services (CMS). This document is currently under review by CMS.

This will be the last bi-weekly report on the proposed Waiver amendment. Reports on this subject will continue on a monthly basis as part of the patient care transition plan report referenced below.

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RYAN WHITE PATIENT CARE TRANSITION PLAN

DHS, DPH and DMH provided a report on the transition plan to your Board on November 21, 2011 and will provide the next report by December 20, 2011.

If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know, or you may contact Wendy Schwartz, Director of Board Relations, at (213) 240-8104.

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